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## Public Hearings Minute

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held certain Public Hearings, Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom for the purpose of holding certain public hearings on the following items:

Chairman Deko called the public hearings to order at 7:05 p.m. He then read the Executive Order and the Zoom Process.

Roll Call-14 Present 1 Absent (Capotorto)

Staff Present-James Keeley Finance Director, Patrick Tracy Deputy Police Chief, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, Edward Lennon Police Chief, Michael Milici Assessor, Danelle Feeley Benefits Coordinator, Stacy Gravino Town Clerk, Charles Coyle Superintendent PW, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

### Public Hearing #1

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	01-334-0110	Regular Salaries	\$ <u>1,056.00</u>
			\$126,644.00
From:	01-334-0115	PT Wages	\$ 363.00
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	01-334-0694	Other Contract	\$ <u>677.00</u>
			\$126,644.00

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James Keeley explained that this is just year-end expenditures.

No public comment

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to close the public hearing.  
Councilman Balter second the motion.  
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Hearing #1 closed at 7:10 p.m.

### **Public Hearing #2**

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following for an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follow:

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	01-334-0165	Personal Days	\$ <u>1,939.11</u>
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	01-885-0643	Postage and Freight	\$ 20,000.00
	01-885-0644	Rental of Equipment	\$ <u>2,147.88</u>
			\$167,147.88

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

James Keeley explained that this is the same issue of year end but this is not coming out of the department of the 334 account it is from a different department line item, same year end issue.

No public comment.

Councilman Maltese when was this overtime of \$98,000 from?

Chairman Deko stated it is last year’s budget.

Councilman Ranfone asked how much the town will recoup in labor costs through the CARES Act.

Mr. Keeley indicated 75%.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Hearing #2 closed at 7:15 p.m.

### **Public Hearing #3**

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following for an ordinance entitled an “An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Various Public Improvements Aggregating \$2,700,000 for the 2020-2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,700,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriations and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowing for Such Purpose.”

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Mr. Keeley indicated that he and the Mayor went through the Capital Improvement budget and it was the mayor's opinion that he wanted to keep it below \$2,000,000. The ice rink then had to be closed for maintenance issues resulting in costly repairs. We do not plan on bonding for the funds anytime soon but we do need to get it authorized by the Council. There are some LOCIP amounts within the budget for road paving and the ice rink, we need to have a 5 year approved plan for the state to approve the money we'll receive.

Chairman Deko everything was in the packet for the council and it is on the website as well. The administration did a phenomenal job with this capital budget based on need not want. The Chairman read an email into the record from the Mayor stating that he is removing the dispatch vehicle from the capital budget 20/21. It is \$125,000 and will be reflected in the ordinance.

Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street inaudible due to her equipment (she made 2 attempts). Through the chat Ms. Venegas asked Mr. Keeley how much the town is eligible for through LOCIP.

Mr. Keeley at this time we are eligible for \$780,000, which is high this year. Most years we receive approximately \$300,000, the funds to roll forward if we do not use it.

Ms. Venegas also asked if there is a report on the ice rink and the cost to repair.

Attorney Luzzi there is a general report associated with the rink repair, which will be available. Friday October 9th the repairs will go out for bids. There are only 3 to 4 companies in the country that perform this type of repair work.

Frank Butler, Recreation Department stated they have a general idea of the cost, which is a ballpark figure of \$1.3 Million.

Ms. Venegas asked if the town bonded the entire amount in 2019.

Chairman Deko indicated no they did not; it was authorized but not pulled.

Councilman Balter stated that he is not in favor of spending money but he did speak with realtors in the region who believe it increases the livability in the town and an indirect value on homes. It is important to make this a livable town so it is important to get the rink in working order and due to the lack of actions by the previous administration, which is like never changing the oil in your vehicle the engine seizes resulting in a costly repair. After a discussion with Jim Keeley, he indicated that the rink does generate revenue.

Mr. Keeley agreed it does financially sustain itself, it has fluctuated throughout the years.

Councilman Balter asked Frank Butler regarding the rental of the rink, if it is full to capacity or is it possible to generate more revenue.

Frank Butler stated it is almost booked to capacity and we will be looking at raising the rental rates. Inaudible.

Councilman Butler supports the Capital Budget.

Chairman Deko asked Chief Lennon to address the item with regard to the body and vehicle cameras because it is a high amount.

Chief Lennon stated that when the town was under a consent decree in 2012, we were compelled to have both body and vehicle cameras. Body cameras have now taken the forefront for many different reasons; transparency, accountability, and unbiased video calls. We were one of the first agencies to have body cameras and the biggest cost to these cameras is the software and storage of video that accompanies the equipment. The contract seamlessly connects with what the department has been doing for years, this is a 5 year contract. The software and storage work seamlessly so that we get that unbiased picture from the time the officer gets out of the vehicle until the end of the call. It also integrates the interview room. It is basically a continuation of the contract of the past 6 years.

Chairman Deko asked how long are we required to store the video.

Chief Lennon indicated due to the Police Accountability Act being stretched out until 2022 he does not have a clear answer to that. We don't want a lapse in storage.

Chairman Deko asked Chief Lennon to discuss the securing of the parking lot at the police department.

Chief Lennon stated the video recorder is almost 9 years old and the hardware is old. It gives us accountability and the parking lot needs to be leveled and paved then fenced for evidentiary reasons. It holds vehicles that are involved in serious crimes and accidents. In addition, we have found people released from custody in our personal vehicles.

Chairman Deko asked Chief Marcarelli to explain his capital improvements.

Chief Marcarelli part of the apparatus replacement plan, the department has two new engines one of which was funded through a federal grant for \$550,000 and the other was purchased for \$465,000, Engine 4 which is a 2010 approaching the 10yr. requirement NAPA standard. It is required that the apparatus is placed in reserve after 10 years. Currently, our reserve apparatus engine 7 is approaching 30 years. Engine 5 which is in Foxon used by the volunteers is a 2001 with extensive body rot and engine 6 is a 1991. We have three apparatus that are in need of replacement currently. He requested \$300,000 to purchase a use apparatus through a broker and the Mayor was not on board with used apparatus and reduced the request to use as a down payment on a new commercial lease.

Chairman Deko thanked the Chief for his efforts to keep his crews safe.

Councilman Maltese stated that the request for \$300,000 was reduced to \$200,000 and you are going to go to a leasing program.

Chief Marcarelli stated yes they'll be leasing. Unfortunately, engine 4 the fire house is smaller and we will have to do a custom truck, which will be around \$500,000. It will be a 6 year lease at about \$50,000 per year at an interest rate of 2.5%.

Councilman Maltese asked how important are the volunteer's pagers.

Chief Marcarelli indicated, important it is how we inform the volunteers of the calls. Although they have a telephone app the town is bound by the insurance carrier which requires the use of pagers. Since the cost of the pagers was cut he will buy them incrementally throughout the year.

Councilman Maltese asked Jim Keeley with regard to the 20/21 Capital Improvement Budget includes the Assessor, Town Clerk, and Tax; these funds are taken out of Capital funds.

Mr. Keeley stated yes.

Councilman Maltese asked Frank Butler when did all the problems with the ice rink actually start.

Frank Butler indicated that they found the leak in July of this year. When Honeywell was doing their improvements they removed the plates to insulate and they let us know that glycol was leaking under the plates. When the pipes were initially installed they were covered with concrete and never looked at again. They typically last 25 years and we are looking at almost 50 years.

Councilman Maltese asked if there was any detection of any leaks prior to July.

Frank Butler indicated not that he was aware of.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated that the ice rink is a major asset to the town and the staff is incredible. Most of the time they show profitable revenue to the town and he is in support of the Capital Improvements. He has some questions for Charlie Coyle. You have landfill improvements for \$100,000.00, what is the status of landfill environmentally.

Mr. Coyle stated at this time the landfill is not in compliance, it needs a lot of work especially on the lift. Also, it does not meet DEEP specifications the improvements need to be done because we will either get shut down or fined.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated that we have been down this road before but his question is the \$100,000 going to put us in compliance or will you be seeking more funds in a couple of years.

Mr. Coyle stated that these funds should bring everything into compliance. The brush that has accumulated from the past two storms is another issue. To get rid of all the brush from the last two storms would probably cost approximately \$140,000.

Vice Chairman Pacelli indicated that at some point the giant chipper was removed, which he believes was purchased in the 90's under Capital Improvements.

Mr. Coyle stated yes but he was not working for the town at that time.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated the funds requested for overhead door, locks, and windows is over \$100,000.

Mr. Coyle indicated that the overhead door needs replacing, the windows in the main building are over 40 years old and rotted, the front door is one piece that goes up to the second floor needs replacing, the doors on the Senior Center need replacing and we are trying to go to a town wide lock system with one key for the town buildings. We are trying to replace and update but with all that has been neglected over the years it will take time.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated that Mr. Coyle is doing a great job with the fact that the town buildings have been neglected over the years.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked what this match money of \$20,000.

Chairman Deko stated it is the matching funds for the next phase of downtown revitalization.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked Chief Lennon about the funds for police cruisers.

Chief Lennon stated he does not have a request for this year.

Mr. Keeley stated those are funds from a previous year.

Councilman Pompano asked about the approximate cost to repair the rink, what if the bids come back higher.

Chairman Deko stated there are a few different solutions; they could move some funds or ask for a transfer from contingency. Inaudible.

Attorney Michael Luzzi indicated a consultant evaluated the issue with a pretty good ballpark figure. We will obviously evaluate each bid based on necessity. With the general evaluation done on the rink we feel it will be within what we are asking for, if not less. It will be a very aggressive bid package to attract those 3 top contractors.

Councilman Pompano referred to the email, you need approval now but you won't bond for 2 to 3 years.

Mr. Keeley what we do is we get approvals until we are actually doing those improvements. We don't request the fund because we don't want to pay interest until the improvements are ready to start.

Councilman Santino asked Frank Butler if he knew the diameter of the pipes under the ice.

Frank Butler does not know.

Councilman Santino asked if we called in a company to assess the pipes maybe they could be lined.

Frank Butler stated that they had a company look at that but they said it couldn't be done because of the cold temperatures. There are things to do but the pipes are so old it would be a short temporary fix because they are all rotted. If we had a company come in and assess the job and would not guarantee they could find the leaks or fix them, it would have cost the town \$35,000 just to come into the building to do an assessment.

Councilman Santino believes it wouldn't cost the town anything to call in a company to assess the situation. There were funds requested for fans in the cooling tower wouldn't that be covered by the Honeywell project.

Frank Butler believes it was in error. Inaudible. He believes that the funds left in their accounts were ultimately used for the fans. He believes it was used for the old electrical panel and the work was completed.

Those funds were not part of the submitted Capital budget.

Councilman Ranfone addressed Chief Lennon in that the storage portion of the data for the cameras is costly, is it being stored on iCloud.

Chief Lennon stated that they use a proprietary storage system through Axon.

Councilman Ranfone asked if it could be stored on another system.

Chief Lennon stated it is proprietary so we would have to get a new system including vehicle and body cameras and pay to have all the data transferred, along with the security transfer.

Councilman Ranfone stated that it is all hand in hand.

Chairman Deko asked Frank Butler that when the issue with the rink was discovered in July, I believed in July it was discovered it was beyond repair and we knew much prior to this July.

Frank Butler stated that he can tell that two years ago they did put 200 gallons of Glycol into the system because it was low obviously because it was leaking. We were going to add more this July because it was low again.

Chairman Deko asked how often is the Glycol checked.

Frank Butler stated typical when they start up the compressors, but you have to understand that the system holds 2,000 gallons. The 200 gallons isn't a marked difference with the 2,000 gallons it does hold.

Chairman Deko asked if he was told to anything two years ago when you had to add the 200 gallons knowing that the system is 50 years old and 25 years past its life expectancy.

Frank Butler "No." We all know that there was lack of maintenance and no preventive maintenance. It was not easy to get anything done.

Chairman Deko stated that is the issue. He just wants it to be known there was a problem well before July,

Councilman Maltese he believes sometime between 2012-2014 there were problems with the compressors and they were repaired but we had to wait months for the repairs. Inaudible. It annoys him when you say the past administration was to blame, let's put that aside and move forward and get the rink up and running.

Chairman Deko rebuffed what he just said because the words "past administration never came out of his mouth." His point was that they knew there was a problem there and nothing was done.

Councilman Balter stated he was the one who used the words last administration because of all of the neglect, sorry to offend Councilman Maltese but I do agree we need to move forward with this repair. Also, to make sure there is proper maintenance.

Councilwoman Glassman stated that she supports these improvements for the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Recreation Departments because they are integral for a strong community moving forward. We are pulling ourselves out of tough economic times and a pandemic and it is important to explain to the community why we faced these tough decisions. So we are talking about bad financial decisions that the previous administration made, which is not a secret. It is our responsibility to make sure the public understands why we are making these decisions and it is important they have all the information. She also thanked Chairman Deko for his explanations of the Capital Improvement Budget.

Vice Chairman Pacelli is in favor of the Capital Improvement Budget. Transparency is the name of the game and we need to improve the town forward.

Councilwoman Parlato asked Chief Marcarelli if she understood this correctly the Mayor is not recommending protective gear for the volunteers. Is there any room in your budget to get this gear?

Chief Marcarelli indicated yes to both questions.



Councilman Santino asked the Chairman if he thinks there might have to be an environmental cleanup at the rink, is it hazardous.

Chairman Deko doesn't think it's an issue to life and health, it's probably already gone.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

The Chairman calls the hearing committee to order and requests a Roll Call.

14 Present 1 Absent (Capotorto) a quorum is present.

Vice Chairman moves that the Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council recommend to the Full Council adoption of the following:

#1

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Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to refer to the Council for approval.  
Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Voice Vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Council Clerk

East Haven Town Council  
Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings Via Zoom in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. He then read the Executive Order and the Zoom Process.

Staff Present-James Keeley Finance Director, Patrick Tracy Deputy Police Chief, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, Edward Lennon Police Chief, Michael Milici Assessor, Danelle Feeley Benefits Coordinator, Stacy Gravino Town Clerk, Charles Coyle Superintendent PW, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

**Item #1**

Roll Call-14 Present 1 Absent (Capotorto). A quorum is present

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all those affected by Coronavirus and the devastating fires in western United States.

**Item #2**

Chairman Deko requested approval of Minutes for the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve.

Councilman Glassman second the motion.

Councilwoman Parlato indicated that she was present at the last meeting but did lose connectivity at the onset of the meeting.

Vice Chairman Pacelli amended the motion to include Councilwoman Parlato was present at the September 1, 2020 meeting.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions

Approved

**Item#3**

Correspondence-None

**Item #4**

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Education, Library and School Building-All reports will be submitted to the clerk.  
This report is being presented on behalf of Councilman Pompano, Councilwoman Cesar and Councilwoman Parlato.

Board of Education-

Several Schools have been selected to participate in the CT State Department of Education's Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program. The schools selected are:

Deer Run, Ferrara, Tuttle School, JMMS, Momauguin School.

Covid-19:

- A new COVID-19 policy was approved CVD 19,6 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness policy.
- Schools are still adjusting to the new Covid procedures. Some information about Covid protocols in the schools, the school isolation spaces are run by licensed practical nurses under supervision of their school nurses.
- All schools have tents set up outside for outdoor learning, they have expanded their wireless access to include these areas and will continue to keep them up as long as the weather permits
- Schools continue to provide mask breaks for students throughout the day while keeping students properly distanced.
- The district has started to transition their remote learners back into their home school classrooms via live stream.

#### Buildings and Grounds:

- The High School field has been leveled and is looking for a completion date of November 2, they were looking to go out to bid for repairs to the bleachers.
- BOE will be meeting with the YMCA regarding the after-school programming
- School principals gave an update on how the opening of schools went for each building. Discussions were had on the fall athletic program as well as implementing an intramural sports programs at JMMS/EHA

#### The Library Committee-

- The Library continues to provide programs to the community virtually, this month the programming consisted of 26 programs.

#### Funding:

- The application for grant funding for the emergency repair of the roof has been submitted and is awaiting a decision to see if they have qualified.
- The library was awarded \$41,094 as part of The Connecticut State Governor's Office of Strategic Initiatives which dispensed to 66 public libraries grant funds to assist libraries in reopening and expanding capacity.
- The Library is open to via reservation only, community members needing services should contact the library for a designated time to enter.
- Amendments to the Library's Bylaws are being worked on.

#### ● The School Building Committee-

- Had a meeting to discuss the EHHS football field.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Samantha A. Parlato  
Councilwoman

b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare-All reports will be submitted to the clerk.  
This report is being presented on behalf of Councilman Butler, Councilwoman Ruggerio and Councilwoman Parlato.

#### Fire Department-

- COVID-19:
  - The department had their meeting which went into executive session to consider candidates for the position of Battalion Chief.

#### Police Department-

- The department continues to work within COVID-19 guidelines

#### Staffing:

- They are in the process of hiring two grade c officers

- 2 officers are on light duty
- 2 officers are on long term disability

Trainings:

- Classroom training continues via remote or web based for the most part and is going well. This type of training will continue when possible. Annual qualifications will resume in person as well as their range time which will be in person
- Some awards and commendations are being held tied to the pandemic, the department is looking to reassure these ceremonies in the near future.

The Commission has adopted the following policies:

201-8 Code of Conduct

404.5 Use of Force

405.6 Use of Lethal Force

406.6 Less Lethal Force Effective

407.6 Force investigations and Review

409.5 Motor Vehicle

Health and Welfare-

American Disabilities Act Commission-No meeting was scheduled

Counseling and Community Services- No meeting was scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha A. Parlato

c. Finance-Councilman Balter indicated that the clerk included the minutes of the Board of Finance.

d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation-None

e. Urban Renewal/Housing-None

Chairman Deko indicated well wishes for the President and a speedy recovery.

**Item #5**

The town's new Tax Collector Anna Dellrosso was introduced and welcomed. She explained that these were overpayments to the town. These payments were made by Core Logic is a company that pays tax escrows and two properties were overpaid.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$3,787.03 to CoreLogic for excess payment.

CoreLogic  
95 Methodist Hill Drive Suite 100  
Rochester, NY 14623

Account:       #/List: 2019-01-0003465  
Reason:        Excess Payment  
Total:         \$3,787.03

2. Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to Consider and Act Upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$2,650.27 to CoreLogic for excess payment.

CoreLogic

95 Methodist Hill Drive Suite 100  
Rochester, NY 14623

Account: #/List: 2019-01-0004262  
Reason: Excess Payment  
Total: \$2,650.27

Councilwoman Glassman asked if they were voting on item 5, 1 and 2.  
Chairman Deko stated yes.  
No public comment.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve.  
Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.  
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #6**

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Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Councilman Balter asked Mr. Keeley why the accounts are being transferred on two lines with the same account numbers.

Mr. Keeley stated that there is no reason other than the way they were received.

Councilman Balter asked Chief Marcarelli about the Garcia the amount we budgeted was a contractual obligation, how did we end up with an additional \$72,000 needed.

Chief Marcarelli indicated it is contractual, which is part of the Fair Labor and Standards Act. It is virtually unpredictable because it is based upon when they schedule their vacations and how many days in the cycle they work.

No public comment.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #7**

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No public comment.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.  
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #8**

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Chairman Deko made a motion to change the amount at the request of the Mayor to decrease the amount by \$125,000 and the ordinance will read \$2,575,000.00.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the Capital Improvement Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount \$2,575,000.  
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Councilman Balter asked that his comment during the public hearing be incorporated into these minutes as follows: *Councilman Balter stated that he is not in favor of spending money but he did speak with*

*realtors in the region who believes the rink increases the livability in the town and an indirect value on homes. It is important to make this a livable town so it is important to get the rink in working order and due to the lack of actions by the previous administration, which is like never changing the oil in your vehicle the engine seizes resulting in a costly repair. After a discussion with Jim Keeley, he indicated that the rink does generate revenue.*

*Mr. Keeley agreed it does financially sustain itself, it has fluctuated throughout the years.*

*Councilman Balter asked Frank Butler regarding the rental of the rink, if it is full to capacity or is it possible to generate more revenue.*

*Frank Butler stated it is almost booked to capacity and we will be looking at raising the rental rates.*

Chairman Deko recognized Ann Pennington 15 Joshua Trail East Haven.

Mrs. Pennington thanked Frank Butler because after all the meetings she has attended this is the first time she has heard anybody experience this much scrutiny over the ice rink. She apologized to him for being put in that position. You indicated that the ice time is fully booked but we're really not seeing a profit, it just covers its own expenses.

Frank Butler stated for the most part year-to-year rentals change, one thing that has changed over the past three years is that East Haven high school hockey team is now Co-op. As a result of them going Co-op they now practice from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. which in the past we would book for rental. Prior to going Co-op, our high school used to practice from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Therefore, we have lost rental time because the high school does not pay ice time. Inaudible.

Mrs. Pennington apologized again for him being and in the hot seat and she appreciates his honesty.

Councilman Pompano thanked Frank for all his efforts and agreed that the ice time for the high school does cut into the profits. The rate that youth hockey pays is much less than those of out-of-town youth hockey leagues; the fees for ice time should be addressed.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

## **Item #9**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution that the Town of East Haven may enter into a lease agreement with General Motors Financial to lease a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado for use at public works or any other department deemed proper and to execute any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to enter into a lease agreement with General Motors Financial, or its designee for use at public works or any other department deemed proper

No public comment.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.



Councilman Maltese asked Mr. Coyle prior to purchasing any vehicle to get council approval.

Chairman Deko explained the process first the town went out to bid and McDermott Chevrolet won the bid then we approve the lease.

Councilman Maltese stated he was not talking about this vehicle. He then withdrew his question.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #10**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a resolution to renew the contract between the Town of East Haven and Axon Enterprise Incorporated regarding Police Body Worn Cameras, Mobile Vehicle Video Cameras, Interview Room Recording Equipment, Tasers, and Video Evidence Storage.

Chief Lennon indicated that the council is renewing a contract with Axon for police video, recording, and evidence storage. This contract goes back to 2014 and 2016 for renewal and it is a mutual agreement that we meet all federal and state standards with regard to evidence storage and equipment. Town Attorney Luzzi has reviewed the contract.

No public comments.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #11**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for November 10, 2020, for an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts to Public Safety \$80,159.00— as follow:

To:	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$49,228.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 2,977.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 2,731.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 1,012.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	<u>\$24,211.00</u>
			\$80,159.00
From:	01-336-0110	Regular Salaries	\$49,228.00
	01-336-0350	Prof. Develop.	\$ 2,977.00
	01-336-0520	Office Supplies	\$ 2,731.0
	01-336-0694	Contractual Services	\$ 1,012.00
	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	<u>\$24,211.00</u>
			\$80,159.00

No public comment.

Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

**Item #12**

To consider and act upon setting a public hearing for November 10, 2020, for an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from Police Regular Salaries to Police Overtime \$102,739.00—as follow:

To:	01-332-0190	Overtime	\$102,739.00
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From:	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$102,739.00
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No public comment.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

**Item #13**

Jim Keeley asked that this item be withdrawn it does not need council approval

To consider act upon a resolution transferring funds from various Recreation/Ice Rink accounts to Part-time, Seasonal, and Regular Salary Recreation/Ice Rink accounts for an amount of \$20,843.00.

To:	01-332-0190	Overtime	\$20,843.00
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From:	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$20,843.00
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Withdrawn

**Item #14**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution transferring funds from accounts Water 01-229-0202 and Snow/Ice Wages 01-224-0120 to Overtime 01-224-0190, and Regular Salaries 01-229-0202 accounts for an amount of \$29,232.00.

To:	01-229-0110	Regular Salaries	\$19,232.00
	01-224-0190	Overtime Wages	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
			\$29,232.00

From:	01-229-0202	Water	\$19,232.00
	01-224-0120	Snow/Ice wages	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
			\$29,232.00

and to execute any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said transfer.

Mr. Keeley explained that the union was in negotiations and the retro pay was not accounted for that's why a shortage occurred.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #15**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution transferring funds from Employee Benefits Regular Wages 01-120-0110, Part-time Wages 01-120-0115 accounts to Unemployment Compensation \$36,960.06.

To:	01-167-0965	Unemployment Comp	\$36,960.06
From:	01-120-0110	Regular Wages	\$36,480.06
	01-120-0115	Part Time Wages	<u>\$ 480.00</u>
			\$36,960.06

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said transfer.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Danelle Feeley, Benefits Coordinator for the town. Ms. Feeley explained that they budgeted for \$80k and received \$65k and typically in an election year we have a shortfall. Due to the pandemic, which we obviously did not budget the number of people receiving benefits, which has increased because some town services have been suspended. The town went from having 9 people on unemployment to having 34 people receiving benefits. This transfer will take care of FY 19/20. We will try to get ahead of the short fall you will see in item number 17. We needed to estimate where we stand with unemployment benefit due to the increase in recipients from Covid-19.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #16**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution transferring funds from various Employee Benefits accounts to Retirement Payments for an amount of \$20,688.00.

To:	01-167-0972	Retirement Payments	\$20,688.00
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From: 01-167-0694	Other Contractual	\$ 4,000.00
01-167-0920	Social Security	\$15,700.00
01-104-0190	Overtime Wages	<u>\$ 988.00</u>
		\$20,688.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said transfer.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Glassman asked what does interdepartmental mean.

Chairman Deko stated that when you transfer utilizing other department's line items, as in this case.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #17**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon transferring funds from Contingency 01-885-0689 to Unemployment Compensation 01-167-0965 for an amount of \$25,000.00.

To: 01-167-0965	Unemployment Compensation	\$25,000.00
From: 01-885-0689	Contingency	\$25,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said transfer.

Danelle Feeley indicated the funds allocated are still there but since we have had such an increase from 9 people to 34 we are being proactive.

Chairman Deko asked how much is left in the contingency fund.

Mr. Keeley indicated \$475,000. What we are doing because the new circumstances is to look ahead to get a clear picture of where we stand and get ahead of it now.

Chairman Deko asked if we should wait.

Mr. Keeley. Inaudible

No public comment.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #18**

To consider and act upon a resolution transferring funds from Contingency 01-885-0689 to Waste Collection 01-226-0674 for an amount of \$41,000.00.

To: 01-226-0674 Waste Collection \$41,000.00

From: 01-885-0689 Contingency Account \$41,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said transfer.

Mr. Keeley indicated that this is the same situation, this is contractual. It looks like they used the previous year's amount and used that going forward. We are doing the same trying to get ahead of any shortfalls. At this time more people are home and the amount of waste has increased so we are trying to get in front of it now and not wait until the end of the fiscal year.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion  
No public comments.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if we are using Affordable Waste as our haulers now because in our budget it says Trash Masters. How much will we be short?

Chairman Deko stated it is the same company.

Mr. Keeley indicated \$41,000, these are fixed payments.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried/Approved

#### **Item #19**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a resolution approving and authorizing Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven or his designee, to complete and execute a temporary child care licensing agreement with the YMCA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate said agreement.

Chairman Deko recognized Town Attorney Michael Luzzi who spoke to the town's legal insurance exposure issues. This is a temporary licensing agreement requirement that the YMCA asked us to put into place and they will apply for a permanent license while this temporary license is in place. They will supply insurance, licensing, and maintenance of both buildings. The temporary license is the last piece required by the state. This is the same thing that other shoreline communities have done with their partnership with the YMCA.

Michelle Benivegna stated one correction municipal agencies do not have to be licensed to operate. The plan is to come in under the town and then get their license. They will start servicing families as soon as they open their doors. The plan is to offer our residents with school age children ages 5 and up the opportunity to have before and after care. The Board of Education no longer offers these services. They will be operating out of two locations, the main location will be at Hayes School and the other location is the Beach House on Cosey Beach Avenue, the reason for the Beach House is that the bus company does not want to be responsible for transporting the children across town. The goal is for this program to grow

into learning centers if the schools are closed with support and their family members can continue to work. A lot of programs are planned just for East Haven residents.

Councilman Balter asked if this is replacing the Compass program.

Ms. Benivegna indicated that the BOE no longer offers this type of program of before and after care to assist families. We now have a 5 year agreement.

Councilman Balter asked if there would be a cost to the town.

Ms. Benivegna stated no cost to the town but there is a cost for the residents to utilize the program and they do accept Care for Kids. They also implement a sliding scale based on income. Once the program begins to grow they will offer other programs like cooking classes. No cost to the town they will be furnishing the classroom, staffing it, and maintenance of the building with regard to cleaning.

Councilman Balter asked if this will cost the resident more money for the service.

Ms. Benivegna stated slightly more but the service they will be getting is far superior. All the teachers are CPR and First Aid certified. They will be offering vacation and snow day programs as well. Councilman Balter asked will those that are on state assistance be given aid.

Ms. Benivegna stated that they do take Care for Kids and the majority of those in that program pay very little if anything. They do offer financial aid and the YMCA is the number one program of this type in the country.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked what's the liability for the town housing children. They will maintain the building by cutting the grass and clearing the snow. Will they be responsible for bringing the school up to code.

Ms. Benivegna indicated the town does all of that either way. The school is functioning now with all the civic organizations. They are up to code with fire, HVAC, and the only thing we will do is a fresh coat of paint. Many of the civic organizations will remain.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that the YMCA will fully insure the building against any loss we are an additional insured on their policy. This building has to pass all inspections and they will be responsible to clean and insure the building.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated that this sounds like a great program.

Councilwoman Cesare thought this building was in poor condition and thought a lot of work had to be done. She has a concern with the cleaning, would that still fall under the YMCA. She heard that there will still be other civic organizations in there; will they be able to maintain the cleanliness for the children.

Ms. Benivegna stated the YMCA will be responsible for cleaning their communal space and they were one of the few organizations that was able to remain open during the peak of Covid-19 to support families. They exceed the standards of CDC guidelines, they are very well versed. The town will be cleaning the portions of the building we maintain.

Councilwoman Cesar asked if they would be utilizing the kitchen and how do they utilize the beach house.

Ms. Benivegna stated they will and they also will be teaching children how to cook for themselves and safely use the equipment in their kitchens. The Beach House was chosen out of necessity because the children at Momauguin and Tuttle School cannot be bussed across town. This will be an aquatic program. Full day program will be run out of Hayes.

Councilwoman Cesar asked the age group of the children.

Ms. Benivegna stated age 5 to 13, it is a before and after school program. Lisa Geraci is also working with those reaching out.

Councilwoman Glassman is there an application process and is there a certain number of children that would be enrolled. What guidelines is the YMCA using East Shore Health or the CDC?

Ms. Benivegna stated there is an interest list and historically there is not a cap and as the program at Hayes grows there is room at Hayes. Also due to Covid-19 there is a cap, 16 children per space at this time. The guidelines they follow are those of the CDC under the direct guidance of East Shore Health District and their guidelines exceed the CDC's.

Councilwoman Glassman believes this is a great program and forward thinking.

Councilwoman Lesco reiterated what Councilwoman Glassman stated it is definitely needed and helps a lot of families. She is concerned with the amount of children at the Beach House.

Ms. Benivegna stated it is the responsibility of YMCA on a first come first serve until the cap is lifted.

Councilman Pompano believes this is a great thing for the town.

Chairman Deko recognized Anne Pennington 15 Joshua Trail. It sounds like a great program for those that qualify for assistance but what about those families that are on the cusp and don't qualify for assistance. The other concern she has at Hayes school that for a long time was a mold issue. How did that disappear?

Ms. Benivegna the previous town programs did have a cost associated with them, this is a quality program. There is a sliding scale based on their income.

Chairman Deko indicated that the roof has been replaced and the school has been remediated of any mold issues. Honeywell upgraded the heating and ventilation system.

Attorney Luzzi stated they came to us and we said to them this is what we have, does it meet your needs. We did not force in any way, we also voiced some of the same concerns that of the council. We asked them if they could bring these buildings up to the standards needed and they said they could. They were excited to have an aquatic program at the beach.

Ms. Benivegna stated that they are very excited about having use of the Beach House because this is the only town with a building that gives them access to the shore.

Chairman Deko recognized Lorena Venegas.

Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street asked if they will be bilingual.



Ms. Benivegna stated absolutely bilingual, their newsletter too, staff as well. They are very well versed in the needs of families and their diversities.

Ms. Venegas asked about the mold and we addressed that.

Ms. Venegas asked if the facilities were addressed at the Beach House and the Chairman indicated when the YMCA inspected the Beach House it was addressed.

Ms. Venegas stated that the Beach House does not have as many uses in the winter months. Chairman Deko stated that they inspected it and were very pleased and want to use it.

Ms. Venegas asked if they looked at the building where Adult Education was located. Would they be utilizing Kennedy Field.

Ms. Benivegna indicated that the building is not owned by the town. The target date would be about 3 weeks to start operating. Yes, they would utilize Kennedy Field and there is an overgrown playground that with their typically strong community support they would like to refurbish the playground at no cost to the town.

Councilwoman Cesare asked if the children are required to wear masks, as they do in class.

Ms. Benivegna indicated that they have to adhere to the CDC guidelines.

Attorney Luzzi indicated they have the strictest of protocol in place beyond what is required.

Councilman Santino asked if an agreement has been made with the union to take over the cleaning of the Beach House.

Attorney Luzzi does not anticipate a problem.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.  
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried/Approved

## **Item #20**

Vice Chairman Pacelli we discussed the issue of blight and where we are with the status of keeping the community beautiful.

Chairman Deko stated he will be meeting with the Attorney Coppola with regard to the blight situation.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.  
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.  
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk